

## OTERO COUNTY ARRA FUNDING AND PROJECTS

- ❖ **Based on the latest information available to the Governor's Office.** This report is not comprehensive because new Recovery Act awards are announced frequently. This does not include funds - including income tax cuts, increased COBRA benefits, increased funds to cover Medicaid services and others - that cannot be broken down by county. The numbers below represent funds that have been awarded and are expected to be received over the life of the Recovery Act. The funds are distributed to a wide range of groups in the county and do not necessarily touch county government.

### COMMUNITY SERVICES / SAFETY NET:

- \$82,076** Community Services Block grant to Otero County for poverty reduction and revitalization of low-income communities. Otero County in conjunction with the Workforce Center will complete a tiered training plan to include Work Readiness, Production Skills, and Specialized Skills that at the end of the training each participant will receive a Work Readiness Certificate.
- \$358,853** Extra 13 percent in food stamp benefits to about 3,100 people in Otero County between April 1- October 31, 2009.
- \$28,796** Grant to the Corporation for National and Community Service in Otero County to provide congregate meals for low-income seniors.

### PUBLIC SAFETY:

- \$11,735** Justice Assistance grant to Otero County for law enforcement programs
- \$21,440** Justice Assistance grant to the City of La Junta for law enforcement programs
- \$20,763** Justice Assistance grant to the City of Rocky Ford for law enforcement programs. .
- \$101,215** Justice Assistance grant to the City of La Junta Police Department for their Otero County Integrated Voice and Data Project.
- \$58,332** Justice Assistance grant to the District Attorney's Office 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, which serves Bent, Crowley, and Otero counties, for their 16<sup>th</sup> JD Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force program.
- \$30,000** Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant to the Arkansas Valley Resource Center in La Junta to be used to support the hiring of a children's counselor.

### WORKFORCE SERVICES AND UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS:

- \$373,038** Workforce Investment Act Funds for job training to the Southeast Region, which includes Otero, Baca, Crowley, Bent, Prowers, and Kiowa counties.
- \$157,267** Wagner Peyser (WP) & Reemployment Services (RES) to the Southeast Region, which includes Otero, Baca, Crowley, Bent, Prowers, and Kiowa counties.

- \$1,433,241** Extra 20 weeks of benefits, through the Emergency Unemployment Compensation program, for 347 people (as of June 30, 2010) in Otero County.
- \$449,475** Extra \$25 per week in unemployment benefits through the Federal Additional Compensation program, for 753 people (as of June 30, 2010) in Otero County.
- \$168,129** Additional 13 weeks of unemployment benefits through a new state law given to 80 people as of June 30, 2010 in Otero County.

#### **ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT:**

- \$3,786,666** Estimated funds to be spent for free energy efficiency upgrades in low-income homes in Otero County.
- \$155,000** Energy Efficiency Conservation Block grant to the Southeast Colorado RC&D for energy efficiency improvements in buildings in Baca, Bent, Kiowa, Prowers, Otero and Crowley counties.
- \$945,337** Loan forgiveness to the City of Rocky Ford for consolidation of the Hancock Water System.
- \$1,830,000** Zero-percent interest loan to the City of La Junta for water storage facility upgrades.
- \$629,000** USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service grant to the Highline Breaks Watershed in Otero and Pueblo counties to contract with mostly family-owned farms to implement conservation practices. The project will improve the water quality in both surface and groundwater, reduce soil erosion, and provide a more effective system to conserve and use available water supplies by improving on-farm irrigation water management.
- \$185,000** USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service grant to the Holbrook Lake Ditch Watershed Project in Otero County to fund eight contracts with mostly family-owned farms that will result in significant water quality improvement, conservation of an over-used water supply, and enhancement of wildlife habitat.
- \$1,025** Rebates for 9 people in Otero County for the purchase of energy-efficient appliances including, dishwashers, refrigerators, furnaces and boilers.

#### **EDUCATION:**

- \$1,653,082** Title I funds for Otero County schools with high percentages of low-income students.
- \$666,998** IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) Part B funds for services to disabled students in Otero County.
- \$23,707** IDEA Part B funds for disabled preschool students in Otero County
- \$240,875** Grant for Head Start programs at the Child Development Service
- \$211,791** Grant for Head Start programs at the Otero Jr. College Foundation

**HOUSING:**

**\$204,453** US Department of Housing and Urban Development Public Housing Capital Fund to the La Junta Housing Authority

**\$281,194** Section 8 Housing Assistance payments to the Rocky Ford Housing Authority

**SMALL BUSINESS SERVICES**

**\$132,000** Lower fee Loan to Mid-Town Motel through the U.S. Small Business Administration

**\$513,000** Lower fee loan to Big Valley Ford Lincoln Mercury through the U.S. Small Business Administration.